

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-68 are pending. Claims 1-4, 6-22, 24-28, 30-37 and 39-68 stand rejected. Claims 5, 23, 29 and 38 are allowed. In this response, claims 1-4, 6-22, 24-28, 30-37 and 39-68 have been canceled without prejudice. No new claims have been added. Thus, claims 5, 23, 29 and 38 remain pending.

All of the rejected claims have been canceled without prejudice and hence this response should be entered as it places the application in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5, 23, 29 and 38

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's recognition that claims 5, 23, 29 and 38 are allowable.

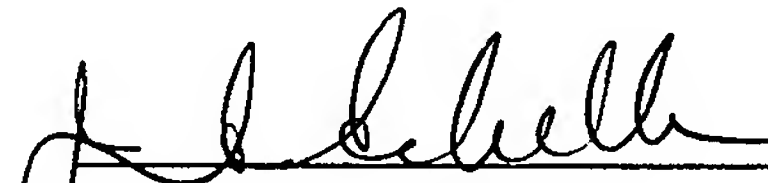
In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that all applicable objections and rejections have been overcome.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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